487 When crossing the stream on one occasion one of the men fell into the water and got a thorough soaking. As soon as we reached the other side we made a huge fire of brushwood, so that the wet man could dry his clothes before we proceeded on our journey.

245 Travelling along, we passed a number of olive-trees with fruit in rich profusion. Many of the Chinese are very fond of this fruit. It is sour when first tasted, but the flavour soon turns to a very agreeable sweetness.

563 After we had passed through the valley, where the stream with the silvery waters dashed and roared in its anxiety to reach the Yangtse, we came to an open clearing where a Chinese was growing a lot of fine sugar-cane. This farmer is a tenant of one of the Nosu landlords, and has managed to make himself liked by most of the hillmen. The red sugar-canes which he cultivates find a ready market, and are much more prized than the green canes which are usually seen in the West China sugar plantations. The young sprouts at the tops of the canes are used to feed cattle, and oxen and buffaloes are very fond of them. The large buffaloes which draw up the brine from the famous wells in Tzi Liu Ching, the most famous salt centre in the whole of China, are largely fed on these sugar-tops. The liking for these is not confined to 136 domestic animals only. One day some wild boars got into 224 Mr Yang's plantation, which we had just reached. The boars began ravenously to eat up the cane, and the owner and his men went out to see what the truoble was. The first animal they clearly saw they took for an ox. Yang worked his way through the canes, intending to coax the animal up to his house to await the inquiry of the owner. But on getting near the creature he saw it was an enormous old wild boar.